

Import of Sugar

3433. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CH-
OUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the rates at which sugar was imported during the last three years alongwith the names of the countries from which imported; and

(b) the period upto which each such agreement is valid?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) During the last three sugar seasons, a quantity of 2,41,750 tonnes of sugar was imported in 1989-90 season from the People's Republic of China, Malaysia and Thailand in the price range of Rs. 8805.49 to 8848.37 per tonne.

(b) All the agreements entered into with the suppliers were valid upto 20.10.1989.

[English]

**Satellite Link to Southern Region for
Software Export**

3434. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government propose to provide satellite link to southern region for software export; and

(b) if so, the time by which such facility is proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The Department of Electronics is providing data

communication facilities in Southern region through Software Technology Parks located at Bangalore, Hyderabad and Thiruvananthapuram for 100% export of Computer Software. The data communication facilities upto 9.6 KB per second for these parks are being provided by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL).

It has also been decided to provide high speed data communication facility through Satellite at 64KB per second speed at Bangalore and Hyderabad. This is expected to be available by the end of 1992.

[Translation]

**Revision of Pay-Scale of Upper Division
Clerks**

3435. SHRI BAL RAJ PASSI:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have revised the pay-scale of Assistants and Stenographers from Rs. 1400-2600 to Rs. 1640-2900;

(b) whether the Government have received representations to revise the pay-scale of upper Division Clerks; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir; for the posts of Assistants in the Central Secretariat Service and Stenographers Grade 'C' of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service and certain other comparable grades, who were in the pay scale of Rs. 425-800 prior to 1.1.1986, the revised scale of Rs. 1640-

2900 was allowed instead of the scale of Rs. 1400-2600 earlier sanctioned on the basis of the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As the considerations on the basis of which the recommendation of the Fourth Pay Commission in regard to the pay-scale of Assistants/Stenographers Grade 'C' was modified are not relevant in the case of Upper Division Clerks, the demand was not found acceptable and there is no proposal to revise the pay scale of UDC

STATEMENT CORRECTING REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 794 DATED 29-7-1991 REGARDING UNAUTHORISED OCCUPATION OF LAND IN DURGA PARK, DELHI

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): In reply to the question cited as subject, against the words- "Delhi Development Authority has reported that Durga Park is an authorised colony"

it may read as under:-

"Delhi Development Authority has reported that Durga Park is an unauthorised colony"

The mistake had occurred due to typographical error and could not be detected earlier due to over-sight.

Inconvenience caused to the Sabha is regretted.

12.00 hrs.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Cauvery Water Dispute

[English]

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): After the Cauvery Water Dis-

putes Tribunal pronounced its Interim Order dated 25.6.1991, various representations were received by the Government on the question whether the Government should or should not publish the Order by notifying it in the official Gazette, in order to make it effective. In the replies to questions raised in Parliament on this issue, Government had clarified on 26.7.1991 in the Rajya Sabha that the Order would be effective from the date of its pronouncement by the Tribunal and that, in order to be effective, it does not have to be published in the Gazette.

In the meanwhile, the Government of Karnataka promulgated an Ordinance on 25.7.1991 in respect of the use of Cauvery waters in Karnataka. Since the legal position on various questions arising out of the said Ordinance and the interim Order of the Tribunal needed clarifications, the President of India referred the matter to the Supreme Court for its opinion under Clause (1) of article 143 of the Constitution. The Supreme Court pronounced its opinion on 22.11.1991 as follows:-

"The Karnataka Cauvery Basin Irrigation Protection Ordinance, 1991 passed by the Governor of Karnataka on 25th July, 1991 (now the Act) is beyond the legislative competence of the State and is, therefore, *ultra vires* the Constitution".

"The Order of the Tribunal dated June 25, 1991 constitutes report and decision within the meaning of Section 5 (2) of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956."

"The said Order is, therefore, required to be published by the Central Government in the official Gazette under Section 6 of the Act in order to make it effective".

"A Water Disputes Tribunal constituted under the Act is competent to grant any interim relief to the parties to the dispute when a reference for such relief is made by the Central Government".